

CALIFORNIA RURAL COUNTIES TASK FORCE

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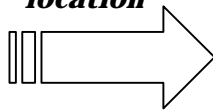
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AGENDA

**March 16, 2001
12:30 pm**

***Note change in
location***



Department of Transportation Building
1120 N Street, Room 501 (Basement)
Sacramento, CA

12:30 pm	A.	Self Introductions	
12:35 pm	B.	Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2001	
12:40 pm	C.	Legislation	C. Oldham
12:50 pm	D.	Proposed Revisions to State-Only Funding Policy for STIP Projects	J. Nicholas
1:30 pm	E.	RCTF/Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) Coalition Building Efforts 1. AB 608 (Dickerson) re: Change to STIP guidelines	W. Lujan S. Maller
2:00 pm	F.	Review of Meeting with CTC Commissioner/ RCTF Liaison Kirk Lindsey	C. McAdam D. Grossi, C. Field
2:15 pm	G.	Proposed CTC Appointment – Don Raffaelli	S. Clifton
2:30 pm	H.	RTPA Legislative Platform	D. Hale
2:50 pm	I.	RPA Fund Balances 1. Rural Counties Retreat	S. Scherzinger C. Field
3:10 pm	J.	Governor's Budget Proposal	R. Terry
3:25 pm	K.	SB 335 Impacts to Rural Transit Systems	P. Dow
3:30 pm	L.	FTA Section 5310 Rural Issues	K. Jacobs
3:40 pm	M.	Status Reports on RCTF Issues	See attached list
4:00 pm		Adjourn	

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To: Rural Counties Task Force Participants

From: Celia McAdam, Chair

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to State-Only Funding Policy for STIP Projects

Issue

Caltrans and the CTC are considering an amendment to STIP policies to eliminate automatic state-only funding for projects under \$750,000. Instead, state only funds would only be available on a case-by-case basis.

An additional proposal would be to change the criteria for automatic state only funding to apply to cities with a population of 10,000 or less, and counties with a population of 50,000 or less.

Caltrans perspective

- State only funds are very limited
- First call on state only funds must be used to match federal dollars for STIP projects
- Many projects under \$750,000, such as local road rehab, are easy to federalize and do not need state only funds

Rural agency concerns

- Small cities and counties have very limited staffs, often without the time or expertise to meet federal requirements (DBE, FSTIP, ROW and PS&E certifications, etc.)
- What might seem simple to federalize, such as a road rehab project, may run into serious issues with federal clearances (Lassen County example)
- State only funding for small jurisdictions is only a minor piece of the total (i.e. small population jurisdiction projects are only 4.7% of the statewide Regional Choice)
- Phil Dow suggests that placing the population criteria at cities with 25,000 or less, and counties of 100,000 or less would only affect 7.5% of the statewide Regional Choice pot (see attached)

Timelines

- Current state only funding guidelines will expire March 31, 2001
- CTC is scheduled to adopt new guidelines at their meeting March 28-29 in Fresno

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SUBJECT: RCTF/Regional Council of Rural Counties Coalition Building Efforts

Background

RCTF members have met with the leadership of the Regional Council of Rural Counties to provide technical information and advice on transportation issues for rural areas. One focus of RCRC has been revisions to SB 45; another interest has been increasing road rehab funds.

Issue

Assemblyman Dick Dickerson (R-Redding) has sponsored AB 608, which would require cost savings from projects funded by Regional Choice money to be returned to the sponsoring county.

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SUBJECT: Review of Meeting with CTC Commissioner/RCTF Liaison Kirk Lindsey

Background

CTC Chair Roger Kozberg appointed Commissioner Kirk Lindsey of the Riverbank/Modesto area as the RCTF liaison

Issues

Charles Field, Darin Grossi, and I met with Mr. Lindsey at his office near Riverbank on February 13. Some of the issues covered were:

- Greater focus on rural issues and challenges
- Increased funding for road rehabilitation
- Additional rural representation on the CTC

**Consensus Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
Legislative Principles**

Adopted: February 21, 2001

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

1. Preserve the existing SB 45 STIP formula that provides 75% of funds to regions and 25% for interregional projects.
2. Oppose an increased diversion of funds “off-the-top” of the STIP.

Sales Tax on Gasoline

3. Make permanent the shift of the sales tax on gasoline to transportation purposes.
4. Retain the full share of the sales tax on gasoline for transportation purposes regardless of the projected revenues.

New Revenues

5. Continue to work to reduce the voter threshold for local transportation tax measures (especially needed by smaller or less urbanized areas).
6. Dedicate an ongoing, permanent source of revenue to meet growing road maintenance needs.
7. Dedicate an ongoing, permanent source of revenue to meet growing transit maintenance and operations needs.

Project Delivery

8. Enact state and/or federal legislation, where necessary, to streamline the project delivery process.
9. Continue to work on administrative ways to streamline the project delivery process.

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SUBJECT: SB 335 Impacts to Rural Transit Systems

Issue

SB 335, effective January 1, 2001, put in place certain restrictions on drivers licenses of senior citizens. The direct effect is an influx of demand on transit systems, particularly curb to curb paratransit.

Phil Dow has been asked to represent rural counties on a Caltrans task force to address this issue.

RCTF ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES
Report for March 16, 2001

Issue/Objective

CTC Representative SB 45 Implementation Changes Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) Rural Transit (FTA 5310, Welfare to Work, CalACT)	Darin Grossi, Tuolumne
Formulas for Distribution of Local Road Funds SB 45 Project Monitoring/Reporting Database 2000/01 RCTF Biannual Meeting/Retreat	Walt Allen, San Benito
Increase PPM Funds RSTP/CMAQ/TEA Project Delivery Committee RTP/RTIP Rural County Performance Measures California Aviation System Plan Steering Committee RCTF Dues	Dan Landon, Nevada
Local Road Rehab Funding & STIP Protection Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Applicability to Rural Counties TEA Advisory Committee	Phil Dow, Lake & Mendocino
Formulas for Distribution of Local Road Funds California Transportation Investment Strategy (CTIS) ITS Applicability to Rural Counties	George Dondero, Calaveras
Committee to Review Changes to Local Assistance And Guidelines Manual	Liz Levine, Madera
City/County/Caltrans/FHWA Coordinating Group and Local Assistance "Enhanced Training Committee"	Spencer Clifton, Humboldt
State Planning Guidelines Development Quality Team Clarify/Improve OWP Process Interregional Strategic Transportation Plan (ITSP)	Charles Field, Amador
Local Road Rehab Funding & STIP Protection Federal Aid Project Streamlining (AB 1012) Civil Rights Review Title 9 TEA-3 Federal Reauthorization	Celia McAdam, Placer